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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing is a patent application of Thomas Hodge entitled TIRES FOR HEAVY LOADS  
 AND USE OF A RUBBER COMPOSITION TO DELAY IRREGULAR WEAR ON THESE TIRES

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